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2024 RESERVE SHIRAZ GRENACHE

BACKGROUND

Our affinity for working with old vine Barossa Shiraz and Grenache and began with John's time at Penfolds, and continues with this wine – a special bottling from the 2024 season. It's aim is to express a wide spectrum of fruit flavours, whilst ensuring seamless integration of the contrasting characters of the two varietals. Shiraz provides rich dark fruits and mid palate weight, whilst Grenache delivers a bright flavour spectrum of red fruits and spiced notes.

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage saw a break in the cooler and wetter La Nina weather patterns producing a drier more classic growing season.

Vineyards maintained good soil moisture carry over from 2023 and generally produced healthy crops. Harvest conditions were close to ideal, with only one week of heat in March.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz component was sourced from old vineyards at Krondorf, Barossa Valley and near Mount McKenzie in Eden Valley. Grenache was sourced from a 100 year-old vineyard in Tanunda blended with material from old vines in the Moppa subregion.

WINEMAKING

The parcels of fruit were fermented separately, some Shiraz with a submerged cap in small open stainless-steel fermenters. A portion of the Grenache ferment included whole bunches to accentuate the savoury aspects of the variety. The wines were barrel matured for 15 months, with 5% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads and the balance in older seasoned hogsheads. The final blend assemblage comprised Shiraz (63%) and Grenache (37%).

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Nose: Lifted florals and aromas of black and red cherry, raspberry and a savoury spice undertone.

Palate: Lovely core of red and black cherry, raspberry and red plum, notes of savoury fennel and garam masala spice finishing with fine-grained and elegant tannins.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.5% • pH: 3.48 • TA: 6.34 g/L

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